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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Serial No. 10/080,411

Group Art Unit: 2651

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Examiner: Andrew L. Sniezek

For: RECORD AND PLAYBACK APPARATUS, AND THE METHOD

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: **Mail Stop RCE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 23, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on November 23, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Entry of the claim amendments and reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested, because it is believed that the claim amendments and remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the present invention over the relied upon references to place the application in condition for allowance and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 this Amendment complies with 37 CFR 1.114 by filing an RCE.